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SUBJECT: PRC MOVES ON CONTAINERIZATION

1. LOCAL PRC SHIPPING OFFICIAL TOLD CONGENOFF THAT THE PRC HAS DECIDED TO USE 20-FOOT CONTAINERS. HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THE CONTAINER FACILITIES AT HSINKANG (TIENTSIN) AND SHANGHAI ARE SLATED TO BE IN OPERATION BY LATE 1976. IN RESPONSE H A QUESTION HE SAID HSINKANG IS FOR NORTH CHINA AND SHANGHAI, FOR EAST CHINA, BUT THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO PLANS FOR A CONTAINER PORT FOR SOUTH CHINA.

2. THE SOURCE, MR. T. Z. WANG OF THE CHINA MERCHANT STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, STATED THAT HIS COMPANY IS A BRANCH OF THE CHINA OCEAN SHIPPING COMPANY (COSCO) WHICH IS UNDER THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS. WANG SAID THAT ALL TRANSSHIPPING AND CONTAINERIZING OF PRC CARGOES IN HONG KONG WAS HANDLED BY FARENCO (FAR EAST ENTERPRISE COMPANY) RATHER THAN BY HIS COMPANY EVEN THOUGH THE CARGO MIGHT ARRIVE ON A COSCO SHIP.
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